

ST GUTHLAC'S COMMUNITY NEWS



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Sunday 27th February 2022
The Sunday Next Before Lent

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This Sunday David Hunt will be leading a service of Matins. Church Club will be taking place in Holbrook Hall.

“Doing Lent Gently” in 2022

The season of Lent begins once again with our Ash Wednesday Communion service for both our parishes, on 3rd March at 7.30pm, this year at St Mary's. Everyone is welcome.



Often Lent is seen as a rather harsh and certainly penitential part of the church year – we are tough on ourselves as preparation for the joy of Easter. This spirit of self-examination, even criticism, and abstinence

has its place and can prove valuable – **however** – given that so much has already been sacrificed over the last two years, perhaps this Lent should be less about discipline and more about gentleness, with ourselves and each other.

A gentle Lent might help us draw closer to the gentle self-giving of Jesus himself, on his journey to the cross and beyond.

Here are a few suggestions for *‘doing Lent gently’*:

Being still – choose a time each day when you can be still and just sit for a few minutes, either in silence with a five-minute timer, or listening, eyes closed, to a favourite gentle song;

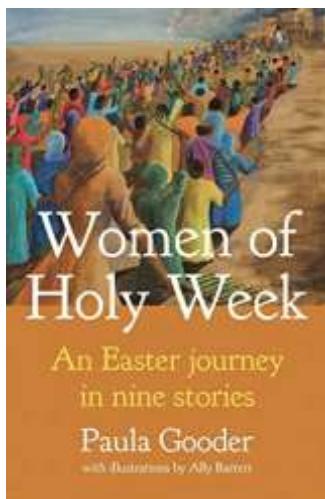
Letting go – think of something that takes time but makes little difference to anyone else, and just let go of it until Easter.... it could be the time you spend on Facebook, watching a TV soap,

painting your nails or polishing the car. You could use the time for catching up on something long postponed.

Simple giving – identify a simple thing you can give to others once a week (or more, if easier) ... it could be writing a postcard each weekend to send on Monday, putting flowers in your window, or letting someone go ahead of you in the shopping queue.

Join ‘Difference’ – this Lent, over five Wednesday evenings from 9th March, we are running ‘Difference’, a course (on Zoom) that equips Christians to cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a just and flourishing world. Through film, Bible study, prayer and discussion we are encouraged to develop the three habits of being curious, being present and reimagining – to build reconciliation and change in place of division. Please email Adrian for details: adrian.jones@zoho.com

Get reading – follow up our Sunday series on women of the Bible by reading “*Women of Holy Week*” by Paula Gooder. This is an imaginative retelling, in nine stories, of the events of the last days of Jesus through the eyes of the women accompanying him. We’ll also have a special coffee morning to discuss the stories together, at 10am on Wednesday 6th April at the Vicarage. Please phone Adrian Jones or Alison Roche on 0116 270 4268 if you’d like a copy of the book for £9.99 .



I hope there is something here to help you do Lent gently this year.

Adrian

The Collect & Readings for the Sunday next before Lent

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 34.29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm: 99

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Gospel reading: Luke 9.28-36(37-43)

²⁸Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

PRAYERS

Unity between believers, may the different denominations be one as Jesus prayed at his last supper

Kingdom to come amongst us, to break out in our hearts, bringing divine peace

Rein in the tyrants and oppressors using their wealth and power to exploit those different from themselves.

Accept the limits of those things which are beyond our control, knowing how much we depend upon God

Integrity in our leadership, in their conduct and courage to resist temptations of self interest

New ways of Christ centred living whereby truth, mercy and justice lead our priorities

Earth is the Lord's and all who dwell in it. May we enjoy and steward the Lord's creation to the benefit of all.

Weekly prayer for roads in the parish – **Blankley Drive.**

Those facing personal pain we name before our Lord.

And those who have finished their days on this earth; we thank you for their lives and pray for their families and loved ones to be comforted.

For further prayer requests which can be included in the weekly prayer list or anonymized and prayed for in private, please contact Matthew revgough@gmail.com or Jane administrator@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk

Stamps for the Leprosy Mission: One of my 'lockdown' jobs was to sort out the many packets of used stamps which had accumulated at the back of St Guthlac's church before the pandemic happened. In January, I sent off a large envelope full of stamps, both UK and foreign, and postcards which you had all kindly supplied, to the charity The Leprosy Mission, and I've just received a thank-you letter, addressed to our church community. 'You are transforming lives the money raised from the sale of these stamps will cure people of this debilitating disease and restore hope and livelihoods, now and for future generations. Thank you for your kindness and compassion.'

Although letter writing is out of fashion these days, and stamps not so frequently used (except at Christmas!) please keep on collecting them for this charity. They can be left for me at the back of the church - but please help me by cutting a narrow border around each stamp! You can also donate coins, bank notes and medals to this charity, as well as postcards. Thank you. Margaret Bonney

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from David Hunt, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary email: churchwardens@stguthlac-knighton.co.uk.

If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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St. Guthlac's Services

Sunday at 10.30am

6th March Eucharist Revd Janet Gasper

13th March Morning Prayer Fiona Wingate

20th March Eucharist Revd Adrian Jones

27th March All Age Mothering Sunday

Revd Matthew Gough & Jean Gabbar

Every Thursday at 9.30am Holy Communion

Online Compline Night Prayer 8pm each Wednesday

All Welcome. Online joining details are:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09>

Or Phone In: 0131 460 1196 (standard call charge)

Meeting ID: 746 767 4408 Passcode: hope

Intercessors: Can you help? We currently only have a few intercessors for Sunday services.

Intercessors can read pre-prepared prayers from a published book or make up their own prayers. New intercessors will be given help and support. If we have a full complement of intercessors, each person would read the prayers once every two or three months.

Is this something you could do to help the church? If so please chat to Tina about it or email her.

Tree planting at St Guthlac's on Sunday 27th Feb:

After the service and Church Club a flowering cherry and an eating apple tree will be planted in the church garden, as part of our plan to enrich the habitat. You are warmly invited to watch or assist with this. We hope the weather will be kind!



How am I to live out my faith?
What could God be saying to me?
What opportunities are there to serve God?

To explore these questions further...

Everyday Calling

with Bishop Saju

Saturday March 26th 10am—3pm

Lunch included

Grand Hall, St Martin's House



Day will include seminars on:

- ♦ How to set up a social action project
- ♦ Exploring ordained or lay ministry
- ♦ How do I hear from God?
- ♦ Training opportunities

Time to chat to people in a range of callings eg

- ♦ Church Army
- ♦ Street Pastors
- ♦ Spiritual Directors
- ♦ Schools projects

To book a place email:

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(Please state any dietary needs)

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website <https://www.stguthlac-knighton.co.uk>

South Knighton Community Events:

March Event

***A Talk by Dr Ian Cross about his time
working for Medecins Sans Frontieres:
March 5th 7.30pm***



Dr Ian Cross, formerly a Leicester GP, spent a number of years working as a doctor for the international organisation, Medecins Sans Frontieres. He will recall his experiences working on the front line to save lives in countries across the world. Ian has appeared on a number of TV programmes including Victoria Derbyshire and you can read his MSF blog [here](#)

At Holbrook Memorial Hall, Holbrook Rd

Saturday 5th March 7.30 to 10.00 pm

Entry: £5.00 which includes a donation to MSF, additional donations welcome on the night.

No need to book.

Please bring your own nibbles and drink

For further information contact Judith

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2022
'Choose The World You Want' Exhibition

We need your imagination!
Churches together in Clarendon Park and Knighton

Photographs, poems, pictures of your art work
what might you come up with?



Please send your entries to acbrindle@gmail.com
by 6th March

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